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In re the Application of:

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Art Unit: 1742

Examiner: Sikyin Ip

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For: SPRING WITH EXCELLENT FATIGUE ENDURANCE PROPERTY AND  
SURFACE TREATMENT METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SPRING

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 24, 2003  
(March 23, 2003 = Sunday)

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated October 23, 2002 finally rejecting claims 1-7, 14 and 15.

A timely response to the final rejection dated March 24, 2003 has been filed.

The \$320.00 Appeal Fee is attached.

The shortened statutory period expiring on January 23, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for two months. Also included in our check is \$410.00 as payment of the fee for a two month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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